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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

9th July 1879, No. 1,803 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 42. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Chepauk, 1st May 1879, No. 36 W.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., No. 926 W, dated 27th March 1879, giving in detail the progress already made by the various local Governments and Administrations of India in the compilation of the history of the services of the officers under their control.

2. Government will remember that at an early stage of this correspondence an order was passed (G.O., No. 128, dated 15th January 1877) calling on the Examiner of Public Works Accounts to compile the history of services required in the case of the officers of the Public Works Department. At that date, owing to the famine, it was impossible to set the work in hand, but, as soon as matters somewhat cleared, the work was begun. Knowing how Government was pressed both for time and for money during the whole period of the famine, I deemed it inopportune to apply for any additional establishment on account of this work, and I consequently availed myself to the utmost of the zeal which prompted the accountants of this office to take up the work to a great extent out of office hours.

3. I have now the satisfaction of reporting that the work of compiling the history of the services of officers of the Public Works Department, as will be seen from pages 65 to 96 of the enclosed classified list, is complete. In connection with this work, I wish to bring to the favorable notice of Government the name of Mr. E. T. Anthony, First Grade Accountant on the Madras Establishment. It is entirely owing to the indefatigable exertions of this officer that this history of services, which apparently has cost all the other Governments and Administrations in India a considerable sum of money, has cost the Madras Government absolutely nothing.

4. I have now to request that the orders of Government be passed as to the machinery requisite to keep this history of services up to date. I believe it would be more convenient were the work to be continued in this office, but I cannot promise to arrange for this being carried out by my present establishment. There is already as extra work the entire preparation of the classified list of the Public Works Code, standing orders, &c., which more than occupies our spare hours. I would suggest the appointment of a Fourth-class First Grade Clerk, commencing on Rupees 40, chargeable to Imperial.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1879, No. 1,803 W.

WITH this communication Major Conway-Gordon submits the Classified List and Distribution Return for the department corrected up to 1st October 1878.

2. As this is the first time in which the list has been accompanied by a history of the services of officers of the department, His Grace the Governor desires to place on record his appreciation of the manner in which this laborious compilation has

been accomplished through the exertions of Major L. Conway-Gordon aided by Mr. E. T. Anthony, First Grade Accountant, and other Accountants who appeared in great measure to have devoted themselves to the work out of office hours. The Government have thus been placed in possession of a valuable record without any extra expense.

3. In deciding regarding the future upkeep of this portion of the classified list, the Government consider that for the present at least no special salary can be found for a clerk to be engaged on the duty of posting the register which now that the chief difficulty of bringing it up to date has been overcome should not entail much trouble, and that the work will most suitably devolve on the Examiner's Office.

4. The value of the portion relating to Office Establishment is not, in the opinion of His Grace, very apparent; but now that the type has been set up and will cost little or nothing to retain, the publication of this part may for the present be continued pending subsequent consideration.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT

Govt. of (1879) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS
ACCOUNTS.

Dated July 9th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 9th July 1879, No. 1,803 W.

JULY.
Nos. 42-43.

*History of the Services of Officers of the
Department.—Appreciates the manner in
which the compilation of the — has been
accomplished through the exertions of Major
L. Conway-Gordon, aided by Mr. E. T.
Anthony, First Grade Accountant and other
Accountants.*

FROM THE EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 70. W.

CHERAP, 1ST MAY 1880.

SIR,

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IT HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF G.O. NO. 122 DATED MARCH 27TH 1879 GIVING IN DETAIL THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE BY THE VARIOUS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS OF INDIA IN THE COMPILATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE SERVICES OF THE OFFICERS UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

2. GOVERNMENT WILL REMEMBER THAT AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE AN ORDER WAS PASSED < G.O. NO. 122 DATED 15TH JANUARY 1877 > CALLING ON THE EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS TO COMPILE THE HISTORY OF SERVICES RENDERED IN THE CASE OF THE OFFICERS OF THE P. W. DEPARTMENT. AT THAT DATE, Owing TO THE FAMINE, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SET THE WORK IN HAND, BUT AS SOON AS MATTERS SOMEWHAT CLEARED, THE WORK WAS RESUMED. KNOWING HOW GOVERNMENT WAS PRESSED BOTH FOR TIME AND FOR MONEY DURING THE WHOLE PERIOD OF THE FAMINE, I DEEMED IT INAPPROPRIATE TO APPLY FOR ANY ADDITIONAL ESTABLISHMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THIS WORK, AND I CONSEQUENTLY AVAILED MYSELF TO

THE EFFORT OF THE ZEAL WHICH PROMPTED THE ACCOUNTANTS OF THIS OFFICE TO TAKE UP THE WORK TO A GREAT EXTENT OUT OF OFFICE HOURS.

3. I HAVE NOW THE SATISFACTION OF REPORTING THAT THE WORK OF COMILING THE HISTORY OF THE SERVICES OF OFFICERS OF THE P.W. DEPARTMENT, AS WILL BE SEEN FROM PAGES 65 TO 91 OF THE ENCLOSED CLASSIFIED LIST, IS COMPLETE. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WORK, I WISH TO BRING TO THE FAVORABLE NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT THE NAME OF MR. P. T. ANTHONY, 1ST. GRADE ACCOUNTANT ON THE MADRAS ESTABLISHMENT. IT IS ENTIRELY OWING TO THE INDISPENSIBLE EXERTIONS OF THIS OFFICER THAT THIS HISTORY OF SERVICES WHICH APPARENTLY HAS COST ALL THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS IN INDIA A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY HAS COST THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.

4. I HAVE NOW TO REQUEST THAT THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT BE PASSED AS TO THE MACHINERY REQUISITE TO KEEP THIS HISTORY OF SERVICES UP TO DATE. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT WERE THE WORK TO BE CONTINUED IN THIS OFFICE, BUT I CANNOT PROMISE TO ARRANGE FOR THIS BEING CARRIED OUT BY MY PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT. THERE IS ALREADY AS EXTRA WORK THE ENTIRE PREPARATION OF THE CLASSIFIED LIST, OF THE P.W. CODE, STANDING ORDERS ETC. WHICH MORE THAN OCCUPIES OUR SPARE HOURS. I WOULD SUGGEST THE APPOINTMENT OF A IV CLASS 1ST. GRADE CLERK, COMENSING ON RS. 40, CHARGEABLE TO IMPERIAL.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,
SIR,
YOUR MOST OBEIENT SERVANT,

Stanway-Jordan

STANTICE, P. W. ACCOUNTS & MAJOR P. W.

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 - 1392 - 23-4-77

FROM THE EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.

TO THE SECY. TO GOVT. P. W. D.

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 26. 7.

DATE: 1ST. MAY 1879.

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REPORTS COMPLETION OF THE
HISTORY OF SERVICES OF P. W. OFFICERS
AND SUGGESTS THE APPOINTMENT OF A
4TH. CLASS 1ST. GRADE CLERK TO KEEP
THIS HISTORY OF SERVICES UP TO DATE.

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 Draft in approval
 No. 1803 Wagg. July 79

Letter in the Examiner
 P. W. Accounts No. 36 W dated
 1st May 1879

With the communication
 Major Curvey - Jordan
 submits the Circular
 List and distribution
 return in the Department
 completed up to 1st October
 1878

As this is the first time
 in which this list has
 been accompanied by
 a history of the services
 of Officers of the Department
 this since the Government
 desires to place on record
 his appreciation of the
 manner in which this
 laborious compilation
 has been accomplished
 through the exertions
 of Major & Curvey - Jordan

aided by Mr. E. T.
Anthony 1st Grade
Accountant and other
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extra expense.

In deciding regarding
the future of the
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the duty of posting
the registers which was
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of bringing it up to
date has been overcome
should not entail

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much trouble, and
that the work will
most suitably devolve
on the Insurance Office

The value of the portion
relating to Office Estimates
is not in the opinion of
his Grace any important
but now that the type
has been set up and will
cost little or nothing
to retain, the publication
of this part may for
the present be continued
pending subsequent
consideration

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15.7.79

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Claims paid list and
Disbursement returns -

By the Clerk (I. 11. 60)
The Treasurer has to

prepare the above returns
half yearly, and in order
that this may be done,
and also to enable
him properly to check
application for leave
&c., he must of
necessity keep up several
registers in his office -

The first compilation
of the History of services
was undoubtedly laboursome,
but having been once
compiled the labour
of keeping it up to date

is trifling, and can
be undertaken by the
clerk whose regular
business it is to keep
up the registers.

As this is a work
of absolute necessity in
the Revenue Office
it could not without
great inconvenience be
transferred to the
Sect. Genl. - In fact
if done there at all
it would be done twice
over -

It appears to be more
convenient to have the
history of services as
an appendix to the
classified list (and
therefore published at
the same intervals)

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than as a separate
publication - The extra
cost is insignificant as
the type is kept standing -
This course is followed in
London, the Parish and
the H. W. O. -

The publication of
the list of Office
Establishments as an
appendix to the Classified
list was ordered by
O.S. 1352 of 20th
April 1877, and
though it can scarcely
be said to be absolutely
necessary, it certainly
makes the list more
complete, while its
cost is trifling; the
balance of advantage.

is decidedly in favor
of maintaining it -

It is rather unfortunate
that the first complete
"History of services" was
published just after the
reorganization of the
department in October
last, and the distribution
given therein representing
to the old organization -

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D. J. W.

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To Hon^{ble} W. H. Hildesheim

In order

In submitting the
approval the accomp^y
draft. S.O. regarding
the Classified List
sent up by the Examiners
I would invite a
perusal of the amended
note by the S. O. Ch.
Examiners dated 17th
inst.

Att

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I think some communication
may well be given for this
protermipitation that
I cannot receive that
any special establishment
can be made for keeping
it up - In my opinion
an annual publication
of this kind is quite
sufficient.

A Quarterly List of the
List of the Superior Officers
may be useful
The Officer's List
I think is quite unnecessary

Cir 29.5.79
7.5.79

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In order

In submitting the
accompanying copy of
the Classified List &
the distribution return to
the Department also
to 12 October 1878

I would beg to draw
attention to the amended
letter from the Examiners
No 30 W of 1st Aug 1879

The history of the
discontinued service
of the several Officers
of the service (as a
whole with some)
being a most chronic
matter to compile and
I should be glad if
in the brief hopes
anyway - I should be
the trouble to have

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7.5.79

himself taken in
the matter, a fitting
recognition could be
conveyed to the clerks
who have devoted so
much time out of
hours to the work
and particularly to
Mr E. T. Anthony whose
services are particularly
beneficial under notice
by the Examiner

The lack of the
difficultly in regard
to such a statement
having been broken
it will now be com-
paratively easy to
keep the return
posted up and I
agree with Major
Amory - Gordon that
it would best be
done in his office

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but was under the
stringent injunctions to
keep down outlay in
Establishment the matter
is so arranged I cannot
at the moment say
this however I shall
see about, and will
report specially

In the meanwhile I
could suggest instructions
as to the necessity in
future editions of
the Classified Act
in printing

1st An Appendix of
Office Statutes
pages 47 to 64, and
2nd the history of the
services of officers pages
67 to 96

The latter might as
a rule be kept in
the SS and only pub-
lished biennially or
triennially in
pamphlet form

which it is questionable
whether the Office
School portion should
ever be put in type

The Opinion of the
Department might
also be asked to
examine the portions
affecting them individually
and bring to notice
any mistakes they
may observe

Alt

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Extract before p. 7

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Principally took off to
posting up the register of
Service additional slips to
be posted in the first edition
might be printed annually
and thus save the necessity
for two frequent publications
of the whole work - After a
year or two it would be better
seen than now whether
such republication would be
desirable

Before deciding on the
course to be taken in this
subject, we also consult the
duty of posting the Service
in future of Opinions should
devolve on the Secretary's
or the Examiner's Office
I should wish the Dr.
Ch: Registrar to state his
Opinion

Alt

6/6/79

Office Memorandum

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I find on making
an unofficial reference
to the Examiners that
the Officers whose services
are recorded have as a
rule verified individually
the several statements of
service, so far therefore
there is no need to make
the reference suggested
in my Office note of the
28th ultimo

The Examiners is also
of opinion that as the
type must in any case be
kept set up whatever the
work be printed annually
or ~~yearly~~ ^{yearly} if some
doubtful question
could be saved by not
publishing every 5 years: it
would appear to me
that if one of the clerks
in the Secy's Office be

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Subt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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G.O. 9 July 1879, No. 1803 W

Nos.

History of the Services of
Officers of the Dept. . .

Appreciates the manner
in which the compilation
of the — has been accom-
plished through the exertions
of Major L. Cornay Gordon
aided by Mr E. J. Anthony
Superintendent Accountant and
other Accountants.